

BIGFOOT BULLETIN

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LARGE EXPEDITION TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

"As of this time, approximately 15 to 20 UCLA students and graduate students (including several doctoral candidates in anthropology and geography) plan a month-long expedition into northern California. They may spend part of that time in the Orleans - Bluff Creek area, and part of the time in the area below Wildwood in Trinity County. The group has submitted a proposal asking for financial backing from the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation (an anthropological foundation with headquarters in Los Angeles.) They are now awaiting word as to whether or not the foundation will support them. If they receive no independent support, they will pay the expenses out of their own pockets. They hope to establish a routine that will involve scouting trips to look for tracks, hair, feces, bones (or whatever), a nighttime lure (with either trip-wire cameras or someone watching at night), and a base camp situation (which would serve as a rest area and secondary lure). They will be taking up good photographic equipment, and hope to get a good shot of one of the creatures." -- Ken Krasney.

Tentative dates : August 22 to September 22, 1970. Inquiries should be mailed or phoned to KEN KRASNEY, 1394 Midvale Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90024. Phone : (213)-479-5921.

BIGFOOT IN PATAGONIA ?

MICHAEL K. JOHNSON, Louisville, Kentucky, writes (July 22, 1970) : "I found an old somewhat sketchy report of the sighting of two creatures in South America in a book I got from the library. It is titled The Auk, The Dodo and the Oryx by Robert Silverberg, Thomas Crowell Co. In it there is a chapter on the possibility of the giant ground sloth still existing in S.A. On page 146 Silverberg tells of an expedition that took place shortly after WWI in which one explorer sighted 'two bears walking upright with faces like men'. He goes on to state that enormous piles of dung were found in or around the area. No exact location was given, but from what I read I believe it was in Patagonia."

PERSONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

JACK E. SULLIVAN, 15316 S.E. East Street, Milwaukie, Oregon 97222, writes (July 9, 1970) : "May I have the following in the Bulletin ? My researching has led me to many detailed microscopic pictures of hair samples with reports analyzed in England for Mr. Thomas Slick some years ago. Should anyone wish to forward microscopic pictures of hair samples to me, I would be glad to carefully compare them and possibly to have them compared by an expert and finally to forward them with a report back to their owner."

TWO FEASIBLE SCHEMES FOR HUNTERS OF BIGFOOT/SASQUATCH

"1. The biological foible of this particular species is the difficulty of surviving during the winter months. Natural instincts compel him (usually in autumn) to look for anything resembling a cave, even deserted buildings. It is quite possible to arrange in certain regions a quantity of uninhabited tents from strong canvas provided with automatically locking gadgets (perhaps on the principal of photo-elements).

"2. Another foible in the biology of this species is its scarcity and dispersion. In search of a mate they utter (in some regions) late in the evenings and early in the mornings specific calls heard from afar. On hearing these calls, the partner answers by imitating and then approaches. It would be a great progress to record these calls on tape and, after having differentiated and reenforced it, to broadcast it loudly. Approaching exemplar is to be photographed with telephoto lenses or shot at with paralyzing stuff with the aid of flying syringes."

--- PROFESSOR BORIS PORSHNEV, U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, Moscow.

A REPORT FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DONALD K. ALLEN, San Bernardino, Calif., investigated and sent us the following report on July 20, 1970:

"In the summer of 1965, Jim and Jan Gorrell, both employees of the Continental Telephone Co., Victorville, Calif., were picnicing near a place called 'Bowen's Ranch', adjacent to Deep Creek at the foot of the San Gorgonio Mountains. The area is south, south-east of Hesperia, Calif.

"They were cooking hot dogs over a fire after dark when Mr. Gorrell heard a noise just outside the clearing they were in. He looked up to see two eyes reflecting light in the darkness. At first he thought it to be an owl, but the eyes were too large and too high off the ground, for there were no trees to support an owl in that spot.

"Soon his eyes became adjusted to looking into the darkness, and he saw a 'big black mass' just watching them, about 9-10 feet in height.

"He didn't tell his wife what he saw right away, but said, 'Let's go !, packed up and headed for their car, parked a short distance away on a ridge. He didn't want to alarm his wife, but when he left the fire going and the hot dogs at the site, she asked and he told her what he saw.

"The thing followed them to their car, gaining on them and almost reaching the car by the time they drove away.

" I called both of them at different times, and their descriptions of the thing were identical.

" It walked totally upright like a man, had dark brown or black hair completely covering its body, had arms longer in proportion than a man's, with a large head and short, thick neck or no neck at all. It appeared to be merely curious, for it followed them instead of staying near the smell of the food. Mr. Gorrell stated that they were cooking the hot dogs on coat hangers and they left hangers and food right there by the fire when they left. The thing made no noise or sound itself during the encounter. The couple tried to ignore whatever it was and get out of there fast. Needless to say, they were very scared."

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

FATE Magazine, August 1970, "My Experiences With Bigfoot" by Art Reda. This is a slightly edited version of the story which appeared as a 3-part article in Hunting and Fishing News, May 31, Jun. 7, Jun. 14, 1969.

TIMES STANDARD, Eureka, Calif., July 25, 1970, "'Protect Bigfoot' Campaign Starts" by Kelley Powers. (Credit : Mrs. Marlin Fauerbach, Fred L. Haas).

SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, San Francisco, Calif., "Awful Creatures of the Night" by John Keel. N.A.N.A. (Credit : Miriam Allen deFord, Robert Barbour Johnson, Mrs. Gilbert W. Colby).

SEATTLE POST INTELLIGENCER, Seattle, Wash., June 29, 1970, "Friendly Sasquatch Gave His Name" by Rick Anderson. It had to happen sooner or later : a Seattle woman claims telepathic contact with a Sasquatch ! (Credit : Nick Carter).

TWO TEENAGERS REPORT SHOOTING AT BIGFOOT NEAR THE DALLES, OREGON

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. John T. Davidson for sending us clippings and a lengthy report on the latest incident involving a Bigfoot near The Dalles, Oregon, this time near Crate's Point. Two teenage boys reported to the Sheriff's office that they saw the creature "... on a cliff above them, gibbering, about 40 feet away, when they shot 12 rounds at it. (With a 12-gauge shotgun) They then started running downhill, several hundred yards, before they turned to shoot the remaining rounds (13) at it. It had followed !" Sheriff's deputies who investigated discounted the story because they could find no physical evidence. This incident occurred on or about July 1st. During the investigation Sheriff's deputies stumbled onto the body of a man who had been missing for two weeks, an apparent suicide. (Credit also : Mrs. John Durrell).

THE MORGAN EXPEDITION

We have little information on the activities of the Morgan expedition other than what was reported last month. According to UPI dispatches printed in various papers, they are back in Florida arranging for their "second phase" which will be an attempt at a capture. Results of their initial expedition are shrouded in secrecy although they reported to UPI that "results of the first phase were fantastic". They reported finding tracks. George Harrison, managing editor of National Wildlife magazine, is reported as saying that he is "85 per cent convinced" that a manlike primate is roaming the Pacific Northwest. (Credit for clippings : Mrs. John Durrell, Carroll D. Watson, Mrs. John T. Davidson).

DOES BIGFOOT POUND ROCKS ?

Your editor has several reports that might indicate that Bigfoot pounds rocks together as a signal. If any readers know of any reports of rock pounding noises heard in the woods, please send them in with full details. They would be greatly appreciated. A report on this will be prepared for a future issue of the Bulletin.

The KLAM-ITY KOURIER, Willow Creek, California, July 1, 1970.

Yes, you're right...That familiar, lanky figure around Willow Creek lately is none other than Jim McClarin, the fellow that carved our Bigfoot statue at the rest area on Highway 299. Jim has been in Butte, Tehama, Siskiyou and Shasta counties talking to everyone and anyone who has seen, or claimed any knowledge whatsoever, about Bigfoot. He has compiled reams of information to add to his already bulging portfolio concerning the controversial creature. The information (which is held confidential whenever requested) will be fed into a computer to see if any interesting patterns can be found in the reports. Jim has talked with some California Legislators about getting legal protection for Bigfoot and hopes eventually to gather enough information to get protective laws passed. While Jim is in this area, for several weeks, he hopes to contact as many people who have either seen evidence of, or the creature itself, as possible. He is interested in either ancient or current accounts of Bigfoot happenings and stresses that this is probably as thorough a study as will ever be done on this phenomena and that this is the "home stretch," so to speak, of his information gathering. If those local people who do have stories about Bigfoot would drop a letter or postcard to: Jim McClarin, P.O. Box 512, Willow Creek, or call and leave a message with Al Hodgson at the Willow Creek Variety Store, Jim will get in touch with them and swap Bigfoot tales.

The KLAM-ITY KOURIER, Willow Creek, California, July 15, 1970.

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Bigfoot seeker, Jim McClarin, has distributed a number of petitions around the local area and is hoping local citizens will support his cause by signing them. The petitions request the commissioners of Humboldt and Trinity Counties to enact a county ordinance specifically prohibiting any premeditated, willful and wanton slaying of any individual of the Bigfoot species, also known as Sasquatch, Oh-Mah or the North American Abominable Snowman. It further asks that any such slaying be deemed a felony, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for a period not to exceed five years. Anyone over the age of 21 can sign in support of this request. The petitions are located at the Variety Store, Sports N Spirits and Larry's Shopping Center in Willow Creek; I-Ye-Quee Gift Shop, Hoopa Tribal Office and Jordan's Shopping Center in Hoopa; and Pearson's Store in Weitchpec.

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NEWS AND NOTES

ARCHIE BUCKLEY and his brother spent another week during July in the Stuart Gap - North Yolla Bolly Mts. area in the Trinity National Forest

finding two suspected Bigfoot beds and several piles of suspected Bigfoot dung..... KENT HYLTON of Portland, Oregon and a friend have been searching the area 30 miles east of Portland without results JACK E. SULLIVAN, Milwaukie, Oregon, visited JIM McCLARIN in Willow Creek and searched in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness area and in the area around Mt. Adams without finding definite tracks and/or leads..... JOHN DANA of El Cajon, California, spent a week in Trinity County, California, and in the Paradise area where he reports no activity since a year ago

DICK GROVER, P.O. Box 3276, Everett, Wash. 98201, can supply copies of John Green's two books, On The Track of the Sasquatch and The Year of the Sasquatch for \$3.15 each postpaid.

